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Letter Opinion  
No. 53-177-L

Mr. Marion L. Brooks  
Superintendent of Public  
Instruction  
Capitol Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Pursuant to your letter dated December 21, 1953, and our conversation of Tuesday, December 22nd, please be advised that it is the opinion of the Attorney General that:

1. Travel expenditures must be authorized by law for members of advisory committees to the State Board of Education. If these members are teachers and principals in the Arizona School System they fall within a prior ruling of our office to your department that they are not state employees, and, therefore, are not entitled to travel expenditures, under the authority of Section 12-713, A.C.A. 1939, as amended.

2. Proper procedure for authorizing the expenditures in question, we believe would be as follows: Section 54-101, A.C.A. 1939 expressly authorizes the expenditure of funds for travel, per diem, etc., incurred by members of the Board of Education. This statute could be amended to include "and members of advisory committees appointed by the Board, including teachers and principals of the Arizona School System".

The next step would be to specifically set out the committees in question in the annual budget estimate submitted to the Legislature. The effect of this amendment in subsequent appropriations would be that the Superintendent of Public Instruction could authorize the expenditures similar to the authority granted him in Section 54-101, supra, as to Board members, and still, the current policy to deny teachers and principals, as such, the right to travel expenditures would prevail. The only exception would be to these particular committee meetings.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General

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